

## Preface

This is one of two volumes presenting the final results of the 1963 Census of Mineral Industries. The 1963 census was a large-scale undertaking which depended upon significant contributions from numerous public and private organizations and individuals. The excellent cooperation of about 35,000 mining companies in completing the appropriate report forms was basic to the census. Also essential was the cooperation of the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Bureau of Mines in making available certain records, thus reducing the cost of conducting the census.

The advice and counsel of trade associations, individual mining companies, the Bureau of Mines and other government agencies, and research and marketing organizations were most valuable in determining the content of the reports, especially the product inquiries. The Advisory Council on Federal Reports provided special assistance in the matter of determining the feasibility of collecting various types of data. Pre-census exchanges of ideas with the Census Bureau advisory committees of the American Statistical Association, American Economic Association, and the American Marketing Association contributed significantly to the planning phases of the

census. Timely publicity was given the mineral industries census by chambers of commerce, local newspapers, trade papers, and television and radio stations.

The Bureau of Mines cooperated with the Bureau of the Census in conducting the 1963 Census of Mineral Industries. The Census Bureau is particularly indebted to the Offices of Chief Statistician and Chief Economist of the Bureau of Mines for their staff work in planning and conducting the census, and to the Bureau of Mines field offices, which collected and processed a major portion of the information for small establishments.